

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Claims 13-19, the allowed claims, are presented for examination. Claims 20 and 21, the only claims not yet allowed, have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 13 and 18 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

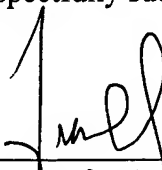
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of this application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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